

REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF SEABROOK,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 20TH, 1862.

Town Paupers.

Paid Treasurer N. H. Asylum, board of H. G. Bagley up to July 4, 1861,	\$61 73
Isaiah Dow, boarding and clothing Elizabeth Eaton one year ending March 20, 1862,	28 00
William Dow, for board of his son Isaiah one year ending March 20, 1862,	52 00
Jonathan Dearborn, for medical attendance on Samuel Dow,	1 50
Robert Dow, for board of Samuel Dow from Mar. 20 to April 10, '61,	4 71
Sylvester L. Brown, for coffin and robe for Samuel Dow,	5 88
Thomas Chase for board of David Brown one year ending March 20, 1862,	71 50
J. G. Ladd, medical attendance on David Brown,	1 00
Charles Dow, house rent for Phebe Eaton one year ending March 20, 1862,	10 00
Moses Eaton, wood delivered Phebe Eaton,	75 00
Town of Exeter board of the wife of Samuel Brown,	6 00
Simeon E. Dow, board of James W. Eaton 11 weeks ending March 14, 1862,	13 75
Cyrus Dearborn, medical attendance on widow Betsey Fowler,	2 83
Elihu Dow, goods to do.	1 00
Moses Eaton, wood to do.	9 00
Bryant Eaton, house rent for Mary A. Fowler from March 20, 1860, to Nov. 18, 1861,	19 26
Ezekiel Collins, house rent for Mary A. Fowler from Nov. 18, 1861, to March 20, 1862,	4 00
John D. Locke, goods to do.	10 09
Joseph Marshall, board of child of Sally Marshall from Dec. 7, 1861, to March 20, 1862,	11 00
Moses Eaton, wood to widow Nancy Eaton,	3 00
James Locke, goods to widow Sally Knowles one year ending March 20, 1862,	26 00
Newell Brown, wood to do.	17 87
Moses Eaton, wood to widow Rhoda Fowler,	3 40
Elihu Dow, goods to do.	1 00
Newell Brown, wood to Miriam Cilley,	5 25
S. L. Brown, goods to do. one year ending March 20, 1862,	26 00
Jonathan Dearborn, medical attendance on Washington Cilley,	4 25
Reuben Wiley, for board of do. from March 20 to May 29, 1861,	31 00

Paid S. L. Brown, clothing for Washington Cilley,	2 10
Joshua Janvrin, board of do. from Dec. 18, 1861, to March 10, 1862,	21 25
Samuel Rowe, boarding Samuel Brown one year ending Mar. 20, '62,	79 00
S. L. Brown, clothing for do.	2 80

 \$536 92

County Paupers.

Paid Treasurer N. H. Asylum, board of H. G. Bagley from July 4, 1861, to Jan. 30, 1862,	77 67
Elihu Dow, goods to Thomas Souther, one year ending Mar. 20, '62,	40 00
Moses Eaton, wood to Thomas Souther,	12 25
Cyrus Dearborn, medical attendance on Thomas Souther,	6 30
for support of John S. Carey one year ending March 20, 1862,	80 00
Jonathan Dearborn, medical attendance on John S. Carey,	85
John G. Ladd, medical attendance on do.	5 50
Sylvester L. Brown, for clothing for do.	4 00

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Roads and Bridges.

Paid Edward L. Gove, plank and labor in District No. 1,	1 50
John M. Weare, for timber in District No. 1,	1 50
Jacob Rowe, 10 1-2 days on roads blasting rocks,	10 50
John B. Tuttle, 11 1-2 " " " " " "	11 50
Sewell B. Cilley, 10 " " " " " "	10 00
Harrison Janvrin, 3 1-2 " " " " " "	3 50
Francis Rowe, 4 " " " " " "	4 00
Stephen N. Chase, " " " " " "	7 74
Joseph Dow, 4 " " " " " "	4 00
S. L. Brown, powder and fuse,	12 19
William Forsyth, posts for District No. 7,	1 00
Thurston & Colman, timber for railing in District No. 7,	1 00
Robert Eaton, 3 9-10 days repairing bridge " 7,	3 90
Stephen Littlefield, horse labor " 7,	87
Roby Morrill, covering stones for bridge " 7,	1 00
Robert C. Beckman, hauling gravel " 8,	4 54
Samuel Walton Jr., repairing bridge " 8,	5 85
Enoch Boyd, plank for bridges, " " " "	4 55
Moses Eaton, timber " " 9,	7 18
Joshua Janvrin, timber " " 4,	3 30
Reuben Wiley, railing bridges " 1,	14 50
Moses Dow, 6 days labor on roads,	6 00
Cheney Chase, 4 " " " " " "	4 00
Joshua Janvrin, 9 1-2 " " " " " "	9 50
S. L. Brown, drills, and 1 days labor on roads,	4 25

 \$137 94

Breaking Roads.

Paid for breaking roads in District No. 1,	61 43
Jeremiah B. Green, " 2,	10 00
Emery Brown, " 3,	5 13
A. Rowe & L. Brown Jr. " 4,	16 03
David Chase Jr. " 5,	4 38
S. L. Brown, " 6,	6 90
B. F. Gove, " 7,	14 24
R. Beckman and S. Walton Jr. " 8,	20 99
H. Eaton & A. M. Dow, " 9,	30 28

 \$169 38

Contingent Expenses.

Paid Balance against the town for the year ending March, 1861,	\$131 87
State Tax,	199 50
County Tax,	502 88
Jonathan Gove, services as Town Clerk,	12 00
Benjamin F. Brown, Superintending School Committee 1859-'60,	16 00
Joseph Dow, wood and services warming Town Hall for School Lecture, 1860-'61,	2 00
Joseph Dow, wood and services warming Town Hall at the Annual Meeting 1861,	1 50
Police Officers, for their services,	10 00
S. G. Johnson, for School District No. 1,	70 00
J. A. Locke, " 2,	185 00
William Beckman, " 3,	185 00
William Beckman, balance of school money for 1861, for Dist. No. 3,	8 00
S. B. Walton, for School District No. 4,	185 00
A. M. Dow, " 5,	185 00
Frank Brown, for collecting taxes,	50 00
" Collector's book,	75 00
Clerk of S. J. Court, searching records,	25 00
Newell Locke, prompt payment of income of Common Island, 1861,	1 06
W. W. Stickney, advice about H. G. Bagley and Sam'l Brown's wife,	1 00
Geo. Turner, for making affidavit of David Bagley, and copy of same,	1 50
J. W. Moulton, stationery,	27 00
Wm. C. Binney, taking deposition of James Quimby Jr.	2 00
Fare of Jury, Sheriff and Counsel from Portsmouth and back,	12 60
Newell Brown, dining Jury, Sheriff and Counsel,	7 00
Tuck and French, services on case of S. P. Brown,	150 00
Witnesses fees and travel " "	49 91
S. P. Brown, damage and cost on his suit against the town,	116 53
S. L. Brown, stationery,	50 00
Frederic F. Felch, for sharpening drills,	1 85
Joshua Janvrin, interest on money hired,	1 74
Moses Eaton, journey to Hampton on account of S. P. Brown,	75 00
" 4 days appraising and assessing,	5 00
" journey to Exeter on account of wife of Sam'l Brown,	2 00
" 2 journeys to West Amesbury to summon witnesses and take depositions on case of S. P. Brown,	2 25
" journey to Salisbury Mills to procure affidavit of David Bagley,	1 25
" 2 journeys to Exeter on case of S. P. Brown,	3 00
" 1 day summoning witnesses, and other business on case of S. P. Brown,	1 00
" 3 days at Court on case of S. P. Brown,	6 00
" services as Treasurer,	5 00
" doing other town business,	18 00
Joshua Janvrin, 4 days appraising and assessing,	5 00
" 5 journeys to Exeter on case of S. P. Brown,	9 00
" 4 journeys to Hampton on do.	3 00
" journey to Salisbury Mills on do.	1 00
" journey to Hampton Falls on do.	50 00
" 3 days at Court on do.	6 00
" 1 day at Court on do.	2 75
" 1 day with jury examining bridge, &c.	1 00
" doing other town business,	18 00
Sylvester L. Brown, 4 days appraising and assessing,	5 00
" making and recording Taxes,	12 00
" returns of militia, births and deaths,	1 50
" journey to Newburyport after coffin for S. Dow,	1 50
" jour. to Hamp. to serve notice on S. P. Brown,	1 00
" 2 journeys to Hampton to summon witnesses on case of do.	2 00

Paid Sylvéster L. Brown, 3 journeys to Hamp. Falls to summon witnesses on case of S. P. Brown, and other business,	1 50
" 1 day at Court on do.	2 75
" 2 days at Court on do.	4 40
" journey to Concord on account of H. G. Bagley,	8 00
" 1 day with Jury examining bridge, &c.	1 00
" doing other town business,	18 00
Auditors, for auditing accounts,	1 00
Printing accounts and School reports,	8 50
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	\$2,249 36

Amount of Taxes committed to Frank Brown for collection,	\$2,493 01
Amount received from Frank Brown,	2,433 01

Due from Frank Brown,	\$60 00
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Abatement of Taxes by the Selectmen.

Joséph Merrill, over taxed for year 1861,	16
Daniel Walton, " "	1 36
Henry Brown, poll tax	1 63
Abram Fowler, " "	1 63
Daniel Felch, " "	1 63
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	\$6 41

Non-Resident Highway Tax worked out.

In District No. 1,	7 51
" 4,	2 07
" 7,	4 43
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	\$14 01

Aid for the Families of Soldiers.

To wife and 3 children of Wm. B. Knowles, fr. Sept. 12, '61 to Mar. 14, '62,	60 00
" 2 " J. W. Perkins, Oct. 14, '61	41 49
" 3 " C. P. Eaton, Oct. 17, '61	16 47
" 1 child N. Gurnan, Nov. 14, '61	40 00
" 1 " Francis Rowe, Dec. 4, '61	20 00
" 1 " Levi Collins Jr. Dec. 14, '61	21 00
" 1 " J. E. Brown, " "	20 06
" 2 children J. M. Dow, Dec. 13, '61	26 54
" 3 " J. R. Fowler, Dec. 14, '61	32 40
" 2 " Samuel Eaton 3rd. " "	26 50
" 4 " M. B. Knowles, " "	32 76
" 7 " S. B. Fowler, " "	36 00
" 3 " Elijah Knox, " "	28 00
" 3 " Abel Eaton, Dec. 18, '61	30 00
" 2 " G. H. Perkins, Feb. 5, '62	14 34
" 3 " David A. Titcomb, Dec. 10, '61 Jan. 30, '62,	12 00
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	\$457 56

Town of Seabrook, Cr., by Cash, as follows:

Of Newell Locke, for income of Common Island for 1861,	35 50
Cyrus Brown on his note,	9 00
State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	104 40
" Railroad Tax,	35 06
Isaiah Dow, for income of Dow Marsh,	13 00
S. E. Dow, " Eaton Marsh,	2 75

Hired of C. H. Sanborn,	131 87
" " "	200 00
" Jonathan Dearborn,	100 00
Of County, for pauper claim,	147 26
Hired of David Chase Jr.	586 30
Received of Frank Brown, in part for the amount committed to him for collection for 1861,	2,433 01
	<u>\$3,798 15</u>

Footings Brought Forward.

To amount of expenses for the Poor,	\$763 49
" " Roads and Bridges,	307 32
Contingent Expenses,	2,249 36
Non-resident Highway Tax worked out,	14 01
Abatement of Taxes,	6 41
Aid for the families of Soldiers,	457 56
	<u>3,798 15</u>
Amount of Receipts,	<u>3,798 15</u>

WE, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Seabrook for the year ending March, 1862, have this day examined the accounts of said Town, exhibited by the Selectmen thereof, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and that the receipts are equal to the expenditures.

March 4, 1862.

DAVID GOVE, JR., }
STEPHEN M. GOVE, } AUDITORS.

CR.—By amount of property owned by the Town :

Common Island,	400 00	Dow Marsh,	200 00
Eaton Marsh,	50 00	Jonathan Eaton land,	50 00
Gravel Land,	200 00	Pound and lot,	15 00
Town Hall and settees,	1,275 00		
			<u>\$2,190 00</u>

Statement of the Finances.

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To Charles H. Sanborn, on note dated March 8, 1861,	139 78
" " " Jan. 11, 1862,	201 75
To Jonathan Dearborn, " Jan. 7, 1862,	101 00
To David Chase Jr. " March 4, 1862,	586 30
	<u>\$1,028 83</u>

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By amount of property owned by Town,	2,190 00
" due from County on Pauper claim,	121 45
" due on note of A. Felch Jr. and J. Beckman,	9 41
" " Newell Dow,	14 84
" " Cyrus Brown,	14 50
" due from the State on claim for aid furnished the families of Volunteers,	457 56
" due from Frank Brown, balance of tax committed to him for the year 1861,	60 00
	<u>2,867 76</u>
	1,028 83

Balance in favor of the Town,

\$1,838 93

MOSES EATON,
JOSHUA JANVRIN, }
SYLVESTER L. BROWN, } SELECTMEN OF SEABROOK.

R E P O R T

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following Report.

District No. 1.

Stephen G. Johnson, Prudential Committee.

This school was taught by John Thorndike, commencing Nov. 4th, and continued 16 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 19 ; average attendance 16.15 ; instances of tardiness 62 ; dismissals 30 ; number of scholars not absent one day, 5. In my last visit to his school I found it in good order, with lessons well recited. From his record of recitations of seven scholars, I find, of an average of 88 4-7 lessons, only four were imperfect ones. Mr. Thorndike has labored faithfully for the advancement of the school, and is worthy of his reward.

District No. 2.

Jeremiah A. Locke, Prudential Committee. Teachers—Ellen Gunnison, summer term ; Edwin Eaton, winter term.

Summer term of 16 weeks ; whole number 60 ; average attendance 46.25 ; instances of tardiness 253 ; dismissals 80 ; no. of scholars not absent one day, 6.

Miss Gunnison sustained good order, and conducted this school methodically. Good progress was made.

Winter term of 13 weeks ; whole number 70 ; average attendance 56.28 ; instances of tardiness 184 ; dismissals 70 ; no. of scholars not absent one day, 10.

The scholars in this school have been very united in sentiment and effort to improve, and their progress is quite satisfactory to their teacher. There are a few scholars in the other districts as good as in this, but, as a school, this is in advance of any other in town.

District No. 3.

William Beckman, Prudential Committee. Teacher, Ellen A. Leavitt, summer and winter terms.

Summer term of 20 weeks ; whole number 68 ; average attendance 46.7 ; instances of tardiness 920 ; dismissals 272 ; no.

of scholars not absent one day, 6. Winter term of 9.5 weeks ; whole number 64 ; average attendance 43.96 ; instances of tardiness 633 ; dismissals 170 ; no. of scholars not absent one day 6.

Miss Leavitt is a teacher of experience, and maintained good order ; but the progress has been slow. Whether it is wholly in consequence of a lack of interest on the part of the parents, or of other causes, I am not prepared to state.

District No. 4.

Sewell B. Walton, Prudential Committee. Teachers—Lydia A. Garland, summer term ; Edward B. Hewes, winter term.

Summer term of 15 weeks ; whole number 88 ; average attendance 60 ; instances of tardiness 149 ; dismissals 131 ; no. of scholars not absent one day 5.

Miss Garland is an experienced teacher, and possessed good qualifications. At the commencement she very judiciously arranged the classes, and brought the school to excellent order, which was so different from that in the school session previous to this, they thought it severity—as I suppose. There were some complaints made by parents to her,—she then relaxed in her rules, and thereby lost in a measure the government thereof. The result was less progress.

Winter term of 15 weeks ; whole number 77 ; average attendance 45 ; instances of tardiness 687 ; dismissals 539 ; no. of scholars not absent one day, 1.

In my final visit to this school I found it in comfortable order, and there was evidence of some progress ; but there seemed to be very little vivacity or vigor in the exercises. Mr. Hewes' literary qualifications were sufficient to teach this school, but through inexperience he failed in management.

I would suggest here, that it is not only unwise in an inexperienced teacher to undertake one of our large schools, but it is very injudicious for a Prudential Committee to engage such an one.

District No. 5.

Albert Dow, Prudential Committee. Teachers—Hiram J. Noyes, first term ; Joseph M. Eaton, second and third terms.

First term of 13 weeks ; whole number 97 ; average attendance 58.76 ; instances of tardiness 189 ; dismissals 199 ; no. of scholars not absent one day, 8.

Mr. Noyes is an efficient teacher, and, I am informed, gave general satisfaction.

Second term of 6.2 weeks ; whole number 53 ; average attendance 35.6 ; instances of tardiness 189 ; dismissals 123 ; no. of scholars not absent one day, 2 .Third term of 11.2 weeks ; whole number 80 ; average attendance 57.1 ; instances of tardiness 292 ; dismissals 355 ; no. of scholars not absent one day, 10.

This teacher labored hard to improve his pupils and succeeded

in many instances, but was a little too lax in government. A teacher may give better satisfaction at the time by being easy, but in the future it is an injury to the school.

The following are the numbers that have attended to writing and arithmetic the past winter terms respectively :—

	Writing.	Arithmetic.
No. 1,	12	14
No. 2,	48	60
No. 3,	31	29
No. 4,	28	42
No. 5,	35	47

In order to secure a more uniformity in text books, your Committee takes this opportunity to specify, of such that have come to his knowledge, those that are best adapted to common-school instruction, viz :—Town and Holbrook's Series of Readers, and Speller by the same author ; Emerson's and Colburn's Mental, and Greenleaf's Common School and National Arithmetics ; Cornell's Series of Geography ; Smith's, and Weld and Quackenbos' Grammars. Smith's Grammar is an old work, but in the humble opinion of your Committee, young children can acquire more permanent knowledge of the language from it in three months than they can from Wells' in one year.

Having been requested by the Selectmen to make this Report as brief as possible, I will call the attention of Parents to one subject only ; that is, the importance of having your children learned the alphabet before sending them to school. One of the districts has at least twenty children four years of age and upwards that have not learned the alphabet. Our schools ought to be characterized by the double term—Primary and Grammar—not infant schools. If all parents were sensible how far the interest manifested to their children in learning them the alphabet simply would extend, I verily believe no parent would fail to do it. I believe that that much of interest alone would visibly lead them through their primary lessons, and inherently be with them to the end of their existence.

Let this become a fixed rule, that children shall know all the letters before entering school ; then your schools through the efforts of suitable teachers can be raised to an elevation that will demand your special care.

EDWIN EATON,

Superintending School Committee.

SEABROOK, March 1, 1862.

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